

## CenturyLink Franchise Agreement

The Coon Rapids City Council approved CenturyLink as a second provider of cable television in November and since then residents in certain areas of the city have been able to receive PRISM TV service. Availability of this service depends on the internet speeds in your neighborhood area. Check with CenturyLink for more information.

Many residents have asked if CTN- the Coon Rapids Community Television Network is available on CenturyLink PRISM TV service. The answer is yes. The local CTN channels will be available starting April 19 on CenturyLink mosaic channel 20. Contractors have been installing the fiber conduit from CenturyLink's main lines to the CTN cable building, which will allow the local programming to appear on the PRISM TV service. CTN-Coon Rapids Community Television Network features news, sports, events, local government meetings and other programming in the Coon Rapids area.

CTN community television programming is only on the PRISM TV service. CenturyLink also offers service packages that feature DIRECTV service, however, DIRECTV does not carry the CTN local channels.

For more information about CenturyLink's PRISM TV services, visit [www.centurylink.com/prismtv](http://www.centurylink.com/prismtv).

Xfinity (Comcast) is also a cable television provider in the city of Coon Rapids and carries CTN local government and community programming. Xfinity service descriptions can be found at [www.xfinity.com](http://www.xfinity.com).



## Civic Center Available for Rent

Looking for a great place to host your next family reunion, sports banquet or graduation party? The Coon Rapids Civic Center is the perfect location! Located within City Hall, the Civic Center can hold up to 230 guests. Kitchen facilities are also available for rent and you can choose your own caterer (they must be licensed through the State of Minnesota) or self-cater. For more information, call 763-767-6522 or visit [www.coonrapidsciviccenter.com](http://www.coonrapidsciviccenter.com).



## Cable Box Troubles?

Do you watch CTN local programming on Xfinity (Comcast), but notice the sides of the picture are getting cut off? If so, it could be a problem with your cable box and/or digital converter (DTA). Some of the older cable boxes and digital converters cut off the sides of the City's community channels (channel 14, 15 and 16). City programming is optimized for widescreen televisions, but unfortunately if you have an older cable box, it could be utilizing older technology which is creating the problem with the picture. Cable boxes and/or DTAs can be swapped out at any Xfinity (Comcast) store. The closest store is located at 9660 Colorado Lane, Brooklyn Park MN 55445. Call Xfinity (Comcast) at 651-222-3333 with questions.



## 2016 Election Information

Coon Rapids voters will have many choices to make this year for the 2016 election. Several elected positions will be on the ballot including four Coon Rapids City Council seats in Ward 1, 2, 4 and the At Large seat. If you are interested in running for the City Council, candidate filings begin May 17. The last day to file is May 31 and the last day to withdraw from the ballot is June 2. To file for candidacy, you must be a resident in the ward you want to represent and pay a \$10 filing fee.

A Primary Election will take place on August 9. Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To find out where to vote, visit [www.coonrapidsmn.gov/511/Where-To-Vote](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov/511/Where-To-Vote) and look up the polling locations map or the State of Minnesota Precinct Finder. If you are not able to make it to the polls on Primary Election Day, you can vote by absentee. Absentee voting by mail or in person at Coon Rapids City Hall begins June 25. Absentee voting takes place during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

The Primary Election will determine which candidates are the final choices on the November ballot. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

If you have questions about candidate filings for the Coon Rapids City Council, contact the City Clerk's office at [clerk@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:clerk@coonrapidsmn.gov) or 763-767-6493.

## Heart Safe Coon Rapids Program Heads to Europe

Coon Rapids Police Officer Bryan Platz, who helped establish Heart Safe Coon Rapids, travelled to England in March to help launch a heart safe program overseas.

"He's sought after, somebody from England saw him speak and invited him, so they are paying for him to go over to England and he's starting a Heart Safe program

in Worcester," says Coon Rapids Police Chief Brad Wise.

In Worcester, Platz trained city employees and business leaders. The ultimate goal of the Heart Safe Coon Rapids program is to prevent deaths due to sudden cardiac arrest. To date, over 10,000 people in the city of Coon Rapids have been trained in hands-only CPR and AED use. In Anoka County, 12 of the 22 communities have been designated Heart Safe or are working toward that goal.

If you would like more information about the Heart Safe Coon Rapids program, visit the City's website at [www.coonrapidsmn.gov](http://www.coonrapidsmn.gov) or email [heartsafe@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:heartsafe@coonrapidsmn.gov).

*Officer Bryan Platz conducts Heart Safe training with employees at Titania, a cyber security company in England.*

